

**Table 1**

**Community college attendance and receipt of an associate's degree among employed college graduates reporting a first bachelor's degree, by sex, ethnicity, race, disability status, professional certification, and calendar year of degree: 2019**

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	Employed college graduates			Recent graduates, earned first bachelor's degree 2008–17			Past graduates, earned first bachelor's degree 2007 or earlier		
	Total (number)	Attended community college (%)	Earned an associate's degree (%)	Total (number)	Attended community college (%)	Earned an associate's degree (%)	Total (number)	Attended community college (%)	Earned an associate's degree (%)
Total	44,687,000	49.2	21.0	14,848,000	52.3	24.8	29,840,000	47.6	19.1
Sex									
Female	23,719,000	52.7	22.1	8,457,000	56.3	25.9	15,262,000	50.7	20.0
Male	20,969,000	45.2	19.7	6,391,000	46.9	23.3	14,578,000	44.4	18.2
Ethnicity and race									
Hispanic or Latino <sup>a</sup>	3,952,000	57.1	26.1	1,888,000	59.0	31.4	2,064,000	55.3	21.3
Not Hispanic or Latino									
Asian	2,427,000	56.7	19.7	1,035,000	58.2	21.4	1,392,000	55.6	18.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	180,000	56.9	23.9	80,000	S	S	100,000	45.0	36.3
Black or African American	3,497,000	54.7	26.7	1,341,000	57.9	31.8	2,156,000	52.7	23.5
White	33,392,000	46.8	19.7	9,889,000	49.1	23.1	23,503,000	45.8	18.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	115,000	73.9	21.1	44,000	80.4	S	71,000	69.8	13.9
More than one race	1,123,000	55.7	24.8	570,000	56.1	23.3	554,000	55.2	26.3
Disability status <sup>b</sup>									
Without disability	39,402,000	48.3	20.4	13,309,000	50.9	23.8	26,093,000	46.9	18.6
With disability	5,285,000	56.1	25.6	1,539,000	64.3	33.3	3,746,000	52.7	22.5
Professional certification or license									
No certification or license	25,706,000	47.4	20.5	9,391,000	50.5	23.0	16,315,000	45.6	19.1
At least one certification or license	18,981,000	51.6	21.6	5,457,000	55.3	27.8	13,525,000	50.2	19.0

S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

<sup>a</sup> Hispanic or Latino can be of any race.

<sup>b</sup> Survey asks degree of difficulty—none, slight, moderate, severe, or unable to do—an individual has in seeing (with glasses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking without assistance, lifting 10 pounds, or concentrating, remembering, or making decisions. Those respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for any activity were classified as having a disability.

**Note(s):**

Numbers are rounded to the nearest 1,000. Excludes college graduates who earned a first bachelor degree abroad ( $n = 3,879,000$ ) and those who did not report a first bachelor's degree ( $n = 1,958,000$ ).

**Source(s):**  
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates, 2019.